

Our Country was truly blessed.

Today we gather here to dedicate a monument. A monument that stands as a legacy to the Greatest Battle Ever fought By The United States Army and to those veterans who fought and won that battle with their blood and their courage.

But let also stand as a reminder to future generations of the high cost of freedom.

God bless the United States of America.

REMEMBERING RUSSELL A.
FREEMAN

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this year California has lost one of its finest attorneys and the Congress has lost a good friend and adviser.

In mid March, Russell A. Freeman passed away at his home near Los Angeles. As the General Counsel of Security Pacific Corporation, Russ Freeman, in the mid-1980s and early 1990s, undertook many of the early steps at broadening the range of bank product and service offerings in order to strengthen the banking charter and meet customer demands. Much of his legal work set the intellectual and practical foundation for the landmark financial legislation that passed the Congress just this past year.

Security Pacific, based in Los Angeles, was the nation's fifth largest banking firm and produced many new business and consumer innovations. Moving from his native New York, Russ Freeman joined the bank in 1959 and rose from staff attorney to General Counsel. By his work there for some 33 years, he demonstrated those somewhat rare values today of loyalty and commitment.

Russ Freeman received many accolades and awards over the years, including Outstanding Corporate Counsel from the L.A. County Bar. More significant, however, Russ Freeman served as mentor to numerous attorneys who are now working in various financial and non-financial firms across the country. He instilled in these attorneys—and in his corporate and legal colleagues—a strong work ethic, a demand for excellence in legal analysis and the need to conduct one's work in a professional manner. And he communicated these values in a fashion that earned him the highest respect and regard. This represents an important legacy for the banking and legal communities. Russ represented his company with tenacity, honesty and creativity and he was a strong advocate for the banking industry.

Russ Freeman frequently provided input to me and to other members of the House and Senate on banking and financial issues. He brought the straight story, good or bad, and we relied on him for accurate information and new ideas. His vision reinforced the impetus in Congress to improve financial services regulation to the benefit of consumers and to keep our banking system the strongest in the world. We have lost a good friend with the death of Russ Freeman.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his many friends and colleagues and, particularly,

to his son, James, daughter, Elizabeth, and granddaughter, Katelynn.

NON-PROFIT RELIEF ACT OF 2000

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which will provide much needed postage rate relief for nonprofit mailers. The measure will protect nonprofit or preferred mailers from double-digit rate increases. My legislation is identical to legislation introduced in the Senate, S. 2686, on June 7, 2000, by Senator THAD COCHRAN, the Chairman, and Senator DANIEL K. AKAKA, the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Subcommittee on International Security Proliferation and Federal Services. I am pleased to be joined in the introduction of this bill by Congressman STENY H. HOYER, Ranking Minority Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government, and Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS and Congressman MAJOR R. OWENS, both members of the Subcommittee on the Postal Service.

The practice of designating certain types of mail for preferred rates was initiated by the Congress over 50 years ago. In 1993, deficit reduction legislation eliminated federal financial support for nonprofit mailers, but mandated that nonprofit rates be lower than rates for commercial mailers.

In January of this year, the United States Postal Service (USPS) Board of Governors proposed postage rate increases for all classes of mail. The USPS formally filed the rate request which is pending before the Postal Rate Commission (PRC). Under the current rate request, rates for nonprofits will surpass rates for corresponding commercial mail. The USPS attributed the increase to inaccurate cost data. However, to its credit, the Postal Service has requested and proposed legislation to fix the "rate anomaly." Without the legislation, the nonprofit periodical preferred rate will disappear.

The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, the Magazine Publishers of America, National Federation of Nonprofits, Direct Marketing Association, and the Association of Postal Commerce have worked with the USPS to draft an acceptable legislative solution to the nonprofit rate problem in the current rate case before the PRC. The compromise between nonprofit and commercial postage rates, is supported by the above organizations.

By locking in the current rate relationship between nonprofit and commercial postage rates, we will protect all categories of nonprofit mail from future rate shock. Specifically, the bill would set nonprofit and classroom Periodical rates at 95 percent of the commercial counterpart rate, excluding the advertising portion, set nonprofit Standard A rates at 60 percent of the commercial Standard A rates, and set Library and Educational Matter rates at 95 percent of the rates for the special subclass of commercial Standard B mail.

On behalf of local charities, hospitals, churches, educators, arts organizations, non-

profit publications, and a host of others, the original cosponsors and I, invite my colleagues to protect nonprofit mailers and support this bill.

HONORING JOHN "DOC" TYNAN

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2000

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my very dear friend, neighbor, and former colleague in the Massachusetts Legislature, Representative John "Doc" Tynan who is celebrating his Eightieth Birthday.

Mr. Speaker, few people I've ever known could match the strength and character of Doc Tynan. Whether as the toughest, most tenacious All Scholastic Left End to play Football for South Boston High School, or as the man who's probably raised more money for local charitable organizations than anyone I've ever known, everything Doc Tynan does, he does one hundred percent. And no one could ever say that Doc isn't exactly the same fellow all the time. No matter who he's with or where he happens to be, Doc tells it like it is.

Not a lot of people know this, Mr. Speaker, but Doc Tynan was an Executive Officer and Bombardier in World War II. He flew a total of twenty-five missions, and commanded both Clark Gable and Jimmy Stewart. And, true to form, Doc survived five plane crashes in Europe. In fact, he only bailed out of planes twice. One time, his B-17 was shot down over Germany, but limped along as far as the English Coast. Major Doc Tynan parachuted out of the crippled plane in pitch darkness, not knowing where they were. He crawled to a house in the countryside and after identifying himself as an American soldier, he was taken to the hospital to treat his broken leg.

The other three times he stayed with the plane and did his level best to land. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four clusters. No wonder, as a State Representative Doc made it to the Committee on Ways and Means in the Massachusetts House. If there's one thing you can say about Doc, Mr. Speaker, it's that when there's a job to be done, Doc Tynan has always been there with both the way and the means to not only get the job done, but to get it done to perfection, never for his own benefit, but for the good of others and the community he loves.

Among Doc's many accomplishments, he was the Democratic Whip in the Massachusetts House and chaired Committees on Veterans Services and Legislative Research. He was the Budget Director of the Massachusetts House, President of the South Boston Neighborhood House, Chairman of the Gate of Heaven Fund raiser, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the New England College of Optometry.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to wish my very dear friend a very happy Eightieth Birthday and to thank him for everything he's done for the men and women and boys and girls of South Boston.

Happy Birthday, Doc!